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## Cal Poly College of Agriculture Announces Annual Staff Awards

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's College of Agriculture recently honored 12 faculty and staff members for outstanding work and accomplishments.

The Dole Faculty Award for Teaching was given to Agricultural Education and Communication Professor Bill Kellogg. The award honors teaching excellence and innovation. Kellogg teaches interdisciplinary classes and heads up student service projects. In addition to his teaching duties, Kellogg has served for two terms on the board of the Cal Poly Corporation, the university's nonprofit business auxiliary.

The Dole Staff Award went to Earth and Soil Sciences Department technician Craig Stubler. Stubler sets up, coordinates, and maintains materials and supplies for laboratory and field exercises in the department – 12 to 15 lab sections in four different labs for 300 students every week. He was recognized for his dedication and support to students and faculty.

The Outstanding Student Advisor Award, sponsored by Seminis, went to Agricultural Education Professor Glen Casey. This award is for distinguished service and excellence as a student advisor. He was recognized for his 14 years advising students and his service on the College of Agriculture curriculum committee.

The New Faculty Award for Teaching, sponsored by Monsanto, went to Natural Resource Management Professor Samantha Gill, who also teaches in the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department. Recipients are instructors with less than 10 years of university teaching experience who demonstrate outstanding potential and commitment. She was recognized for being an exemplary scholar, teacher, and professional forester who also devotes many hours to her students.

The Sustained Excellence Teaching Award, sponsored by Sunkist, went to Natural Resources Management Professor Richard Thompson. The award recognizes instructors with 10 or more years of distinguished university teaching experience. Thompson has taught more than 20 classes ranging from management to economics and policy to urban forestry during his tenure at Cal Poly, and has repeatedly served as a mentor and advisor to his students.

College of Agriculture Special Awards went to BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Professor Tom Mastin and Recreation, Parks and Tourism Professor Cynthia Moyer. Mastin, a licensed surveyor, teaches courses on GIS software, aerial photogrammetry and surveying. He has written questions for the professional surveyors exam and does consulting for local surveying and engineering companies. Moyer was honored for her well-organized classes, excellent lectures, real-world knowledge and supportive and approachable student advising style.

The Rain for Rent Agriculture Staff Awards went to Dairy Products Technology Center Outreach Specialist Laurie Jacobson and Recreation, Parks and Tourism Department Administrative Assistant Angela Sweet. In her 10 years with the DPTC, Jacobson has taken on increasing responsibilities, including coordinating seven annual short courses at the center involving some 700 industry participants, and maintaining the DPTC's Web site. Sweet was honored for her "unfailing pleasantness" in serving students, faculty, staff and guests, as well as her work coordinating multiple department projects and support functions.

The Smithers-Oasis Agriculture Staff Award went to Food Science and Nutrition Administrative Support Coordinator Susan Henry. Immediately after joining the department, she instituted a comprehensive student tracking system. College and department faculty and staff praised her consistent enthusiasm and zeal for her job, and her gracious and caring manner with students.

The Talley Farms Agriculture Staff Award was presented to Cal Poly Farm Operations Supervisor Gary Ketcham. CAGR faculty and administrators said Ketcham's technical knowledge of farm operations has proven invaluable. Faculty stress that he is a key partner in assisting academic departments in their respective production areas, including growing and harvesting forage crops and assisting with animal husbandry and crop production operations.

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